

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 13 and 15 are amended for clarity. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiners Johns and Redding for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Luo, during the March 25, 2008 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,137,903 to Dichter in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,110,597 to Goldsmith; and rejects claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dichter and Goldsmith and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,819,805 to Usikov. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 13 and 15 are amended, as outlined above. In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite "corrects the color tone of each of the correcting images." Claims 13 and 15 are similarly amended.

As discussed during the personal interview, the applied references, Dichter, Goldsmith and Usikov, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest correcting a plurality of images. Thus, they do not disclose or suggest "corrects the color tone of each of the correcting images," as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 13 and 15.

In view of the above, the applied references do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 13 and 15, and claims 2-12, 14 and 16 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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